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SUBJECT: LIBERALS REJECT HEATH'S OFFER

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. 1. THE LIBERALS HAVE REJECTED PRIME
MINISTER HEATH'S OFFER OF A COALITION WITH THE
CONSERVATIVES. AT A TWO-HOUR MEETING TODAY (MARCH 4),
FOURTEEN LIBERAL MPS AND SEVERAL LIBERAL PEERS
DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SUPPORT HEATH. THEY
PROPOSED INSTEAD THE FORMATION OF A "NATIONAL UNITY
GOVERNMENT" OF ALL PARTIES, COMMITTED TO A LIMITED
PROGRAM FOR AN AGREED PERIOD -- AN IDEA THAT IS UN-
LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO EITHER THE CONSERVATIVES
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OR LABOR.

2. A FURTHER BLOW TO HEATH'S HOPES OF STAYING IN OFFICE CAME FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WHERE THE ELEVEN ANTI-SUNNINGDALE MPS ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION TO STICK TOGETHER AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE GROUP WITH ITS OWN WHIP IN THE NEXT PARLIAMENT. HEATH HAD HOPED TO WOO AWAY THE SEVEN UNIONISTS LED BY HARRY WEST.

3. LABOR'S SHADOW CABINET MET THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LABOR HAS MODIFIED ITS INTENTION TO TAKE OFFICE ON ITS OWN WITHOUT ANY UNDERSTANDING OF ANY KIND WITH ANY OTHER POLITICAL PARTY.

4. THE SHADOW CABINET IS MEETING NOW (1730 HOURS) AMIDST WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT HEATH WILL TENDER HIS RESIGNATION THIS EVENING AND ADVISE THE QUEEN TO CALL ON WILSON TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT.

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